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The Svetozarevo cable factory, one of the principal projects of the current Five Year Plan, is under construction near the village of Bresija at the foot of Mount Juhor and close to Svetozarevo-Jagodina. Very large quantities of the materials necessary for cable production are stored near Bresija.

Construction started in 1947, but only a third of the machinery, which was to be supplied by Hungary on reparations account, was delivered. This was used to equip the central block of the factory. Machinery is now being supplied by Rade Koncar, 1 Maj, and Jastrebac factories. Building materials are being delivered to the construction site by day and night shuttle service of trucks from Svetozarevo and Bresija. Transport is provided by the auto transport section of Svetozarevo, which until 1950 had only forty five-ton trucks and at the present time have more than one hundred ten-ton trucks. Most of the trucks were imported from Eastern Germany in 1950.

The factory consists of four buildings joined by wide corridors with a view to equalizing the temperature throughout the plant. The corridors will be fitted with a normal gauge industrial railroad whose cars will bring raw materials in and remove the finished cables. The main building will have an area of 55,000 square meters and will be divided according to the various stages of production. The factory will also contain a special section for the production of cables covered in jute and "Polivinil". There will be a department for the production of cables with insulations of paper, cotton and lacquer such as are used in generators and transformers. Other sections of the factory will deal with the processing of jute, the preparation of insulating paper and of the powders used in rubber coverings.

The Svetozarevo factory is expected to produce all the types of cables required by Yugoslav industry: machine cables, signal wires, telephone cables, copper wiring, electric conductors, high tension wires, marine cables, ships' hawsers, at cetera.

Approximately 1,200 workers are employed in the construction of the factory. The cement workers alone, most of whom are Slovenes from Styria, number about 200. The 300 masons employed are mostly Serbs from the vicinity of Svetozarevo. The technical section consists of seven engineers under the direction of Dr. Milos of Belgrade and 18 building experts under Urbancic Frane of Celje. The political section numbers 12 employees under Commissar Baburac Ilijasa.

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6. A village for housing the employees of the factory, which will be called Kablograd, is under construction near the new road from Bresija to Svetozarevo. So far, three buildings containing 16 apartments, six buildings holding 8 apartments and five buildings with 25 apartments have been completed. Approximately 20 more buildings comprising 246 apartments are under construction.
7. An industrial railroad is under construction from Bresija which will supply the factory instead of the trucks now in use.
8. Vedopivec Zdenko of Ljubljana has been appointed manager of the Svetozarevo factory and Pengrad Franc of Zagreb the technical director. The factory is expected to go into production by January 1952. According to plans 4,000 workers should be employed by 1952 and 10,000 workers by 1955.

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